Roads constructed under Famine Relief in Bangalore District.

Q.—355. * Sri K. V. BYRE GOWDA (Bangalore North).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the length of roads constructed under famine relief fund in Bangalore since last three years ;

(*b*) the agency maintaining these roads ;

(*c*) the names of roads in Bangalore North and South ?

A.— Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) No roads were executed under Famine Relief Fund in Bangalore District during the last three years.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise.

Member's Representation.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜೆ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ (ಗುಬ್ಬಿ).—ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಮನವಿಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇದ್ದೇನೆ. ಸಿದ್ಧಿ ಹೌಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವವರನ್ನು ನರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಡೆಸ್ಟಿಟ್ಯೂಟ್ಸ್‌ಗಿಂತಲೂ ಕಡೆಯಾಗಿ ಕಾಣುತ್ತಾ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ Eighteen of us have come without food today. There is no water, no food. I think the beggars in the beggers colony are very well.

ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಹೌಸ್ ಕಮಿಟಿ ಇದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ. ಏನಾದರೂ ರೆಪ್ರಸೆಂಟೇಷನ್ ಇದ್ದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಚೇಂಬರಿಗೆ ಬಂದು ನೋಡಿ. ಆ ವಿಷಯ ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೇಡ.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, I am ashamed of myself to bring this matter on the floor of the House, but I am obliged to do so. I request the Government to look into the matter and make proper arrangements for the proper availability of food and water to members.

NON-OFFICIAL RESOLUTIONS

No. 1. Payment of monthly salaries to Thotis and Talaris instead of Mirase—(*continued*).

*Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM (Kolar Gold Fields).—Mr. Speaker, Sir, because It am also in the Sydney House, I am also speaking without food. We have got a duty to perform and that duty is more important than food. That apart, I wish to make a few observations on the resolution, tabled by my Hon'ble friend Sri Narayanappa, dealing with thoties and talaries. While doing so, I wish to quote what happened at the Calcutta conference. Sir, at the conference all the Hindus joined together and said that beggary must be wiped out in India. This resolution was on the verge of being passed unanimously. But unfortunately, a member stood up and asked for an explanation from the Chairman as to what should happen to Hindus if this resolution was passed because they would not be able to wash off their sins by giving alms to beggars if beggary itself was abolished. He pleaded that such a resolution was detrimental to Hinduism itself and therefore it should not be passed. When this argument was put forth, not only the Chairman but the Mover of the resolution also accepted this philosophy and the resolution was withdrawn. Likewise, when this resolution was moved by my friend, I thought that my Hindu friends who are in the habit of paying mirase and charity to this class of people and gain their sympathy, would pursuade my friend to withdraw his resolution. However, the resolution is now before us.

Sir, this word 'mirase' is in existence not from the British days but from centuries together. The Schedule Castes people were getting this from the Hindus ever since.

Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—Sir, this is not a question of Hindus and Schedule Castes ; this is about thoties and talaries.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—They were getting this for the work of watch and ward they were performing. They were getting mirase in the form of grains during harvesting. They were removing the dead animals belonging to caste Hindus. After the introduction of division of labour, they were asked to do the menial work for the villagers. I plead, Sir, that while treating the oties and talaries as Government